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In re Application of.:

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For:

CULTURED CARTILAGE/BONE

CELLS/TISSUE, METHOD OF **GENERATING SAME AND**

USES THEREOF

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ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Restriction Office Action mailed August 23, 2006, which response is being made on or before October 23, 2006, and for which a one-month extension of time fee is due.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, namely Claims 1-23 and 104-107, drawn to a method of culturing chondrocytes.

With respect to the species supplement used in the media, Applicants select: IGF.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to the non-elected Group.

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